Mesembryanthemum crystallinum

This beautiful flower is found in great abundance on the beach at San Francisco and Monterey. It is an evergreen trailer with such succulent leaf and stalk resembling the ice-plant but without its crystalline character. The flower resembles very much the verbena; but is much richer in its colorings; in which particular it corresponds more with the Lantana. I found three varieties of this beautiful flower the pink the yellow and white. It is found

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only in the clear beach sand. seldom
associated with any other plant.
the root is very extensive pene-
trating to a great depth. and
branching out like the horse-
radish; it is eaten by the
natives. and is considered
both palatable and wholesome.

these specimens I accidentaly
came across in one of my
hunts yesterday. and thinking
that they might prove acceptable
I send them to you. this plant is
so succulent that it is difficult
to preserve. and I have just thrown
on a book by themselves. I dont

Think it is amongst the Specimens
I sent you

Yours Sincerely
A Dietz

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